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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the Title as follows:

AIR CLEANER AND EXHAUST PIPE INSULATOR ATTACHING STRUCTURE FOR

SADDLE-RIDING VEHICLE

Please amend paragraphs [0041], [0056], and [0060] as follows:

100411 An exhaust-use attachment hole 40 is formed in a left area (one side in the vehicle

width direction) of an upper portion of the side wall portion 26a disposed on the front side,

that is, on the engine 13 side of the case main body 27. The air cleaner 22 includes an air

cleaner exhaust duct 42 of a circular tube which is inserted through the exhaust-use

attachment hole 40 along the front and rear direction and attached to the exhaust-use

attachment hole 40 in an attachment portion 41 on its outer periphery; a cylindrical air

cleaner element 44 attached to an end of this air cleaner exhaust duct 42 inside the air cleaner

case 29; and a bracket 45 bracket 45B attached to the side wall 26c on the rear side of the

case main body 27 to support the air cleaner element 44.

[0056] In a front portion of the engine 13, provided is an exhaust duct 30 which is, while

being curved, extended sideways, more specifically, leftward in the vehicle width direction,

and then extended rearward along a side portion, more specifically, a left portion of the

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engine 13 in the vehicle width direction. As shown in Fig. 5, this exhaust duct 30 is

extended rearward, passing through a gap between the side portion, more specifically, the left

portion of the engine 13 in the vehicle width direction and a side portion, more specifically, a

left portion of the body cover 20 (more detailedly, a left portion of the center cover 24 and

the left mud guard 26M) mud guard 26M in the vehicle width direction.

[0060] In order to cover the substantially J-shaped exhaust pipe 37J as described above, the

heat insulator 33 as a whole has a substantially J shape including a curved portion 40C which

is extended while being curved into an arc shape and a linear portion 41L which is continued

from an end of the curved portion 40C and linearly extended. This heat insulator 33 has a

cross-section orthogonal to its extending direction, curved substantially into an arc shape. As

shown in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b), a plurality of attachment members 45A attachment members

45, more specifically, three attachment members 45 are attached to an inner-peripheral face

33a that is a center side of this curve.